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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Request of Northern States Power Company for Exemption  
from Renewable Portfolio Standard

4220-EI-101

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND  
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** to determine if Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin (NSPW) qualifies for exemption from the requirement to supply its retail electric customers with a certain percentage of renewable-based generation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.378(2). This statute, known as the Wisconsin renewable portfolio standard, requires all electric providers in Wisconsin to obtain an increasing percentage of their energy from renewable-based generation. The requirement for 2001 is 0.5 percent of total retail electric sales. Wis. Stat. § 196.378(2)(e)1.a. provides for an exemption for any electric provider that obtains more than 10 percent of its Wisconsin summer peak demand from renewable resources. NSPW contends that it can provide up to 25 percent of its summer peak from renewable resources.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission intends to investigate this case without a hearing.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission that indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Paul Helgeson at (608) 266-3905.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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